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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: APPROACH TO CANADA

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1. AT LUNCHEON AUGUST 17 DURING PRE-UNGA DISCUSSIONS WITH
CANADIAN EXSTAFF DG GEOFFREY PEARSON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MAYNES RAISED THE SUBJECT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES ALONG THE
LINES PARA 11 REFTEL SUGGESTING THAT GOC MIGHT ASSIST BY
ESTABLISHING MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY QUOTAS FOR "BOAT PEOPLE".

2. PEARSON EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR THE PLIGHT OF THE REFU-
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GEES. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT UNHCR WILL BE VISITING OTTAWA
IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS AND SUGGESTED THAT CANADA MIGHT BE ABLE
TO BE OF HELP.

3. CANADIAN DCM TURNER CAUTIONED INFORMALLY THAT THRUST TO
GOC SHOULD BE IN TERMS OF ASSISTANCE IN HUMANITARIAN MATTERS
AND NOT OF DUTY, AS HE SAID THAT IN CANADIAN PUBLIC'S

OPINION REFUGEES ARE BASICALLY A US PROBLEM. (FYI: WE WOULD INDEED LIKE TO SENSITIZE INTERNATIONAL OPINION TO HUMANITARIAN RESPONSIBILITIES CONCERNING THE REFUGEES, BUT AT THE SAME TIME DISSUADE THAT OPINION WHICH HOLDS THE REFUGEES TO BE A US PROBLEM. END FYI.)

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF EMBASSY HAS NOT ALREADY MADE THE DEMARCHE REQUESTED REFTEL, SUGGEST THAT WHEN IT DOES SO REFERENCE BE MADE TO FACT THAT MAYNES RAISED QUESTION WITH PEARSON IN WASHINGTON, AND TO OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE UNHCR WILL SOON BE VISITING OTTAWA.(FYI: WE HAVE ASKED GENEVA TO REQUEST THE UNHCR TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ENCOURAGE COUNTRIES OF TRADITIONAL IMMIGRATION TO ACCEPT INDOCHINESE REFUGEES FOR RESETTLEMENT, PREFERABLY BY ESTABLISHING MONTHLY QUOTAS, AND TO CONTRIBUTE FURTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES WHO ARE IN ASIAN TEMPORARY ASYLUM. END FYI.)

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